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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 21, 2006 OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is being submitted in response to April 21, 2006 Office Action, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Office Action was originally due on July 21, 2006. Applicants hereby enclose a check in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$120.00) for the payment of the one-month extension fee. Accordingly, the new deadline to file a response is August 21, 2006 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Claim Amendment Fee Calculation

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